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For: GAS STRUCTURE HAVING IMPROVED STRUCTURE FOR
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to withdraw the above-identified application from issue, the Issue Fee having been paid on June 12, 2003, for consideration of the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Withdrawal is necessary so that the attached Information Disclosure Statement can be considered in the concurrently filed continuing application (see, attached Request for Continuing Prosecution (RCE) Under Rule 114). The references cited in the attached Information Disclosure Statement were cited in the attached European Search Report dated November 10, 2003. The Search Report was received by the undersigned's office on December 1, 2003, after the issue fee was paid.

The Petition Fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) (\$130) is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed

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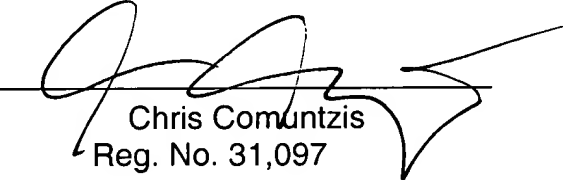
herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account
No. 14-1140.

It is believed that the foregoing constitutes a showing of good and sufficient
reasons as to why withdrawal of this application from issue is necessary. Accordingly, it
is requested that this Petition be granted. The Office is requested to contact the
undersigned, however, if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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